

WCCUSD English Language Arts Transition to CCSS Guide

Grade 6 - Semester 1 (Hercules Middle, Mira Vista, Stewart)

August 20, 2013 - January 17, 2014: Prentice Hall Common Core 2012 Edition - Units 1 through 3

Secondary ELA curriculum in 2013-14 is comprised of the *suggested* PH units from the new Common Core Edition and one required 4 - 6 week instructional module per semester. These teacher-developed modules include a required novel supported by PH and other resources and activities. There is one *integrated Reading/Writing* district assessment per semester based on these modules. *The first assessment will be delivered to sites by the beginning of November and needs to be completed prior to the end of Quarter 2 (January 17, 2014). Please pace the required 4-6 week module accordingly.*

Required Module – Grade 6 Semester 1	
Essential Question: What makes someone a hero?	
Required Novel: <i>Hatchet</i> by Gary Paulsen	
Supporting Prentice Hall Selections *ONLY in new CCSS Edition (TE p.); **BOTH new TE and Timeless Voices SE; No asterisk – ONLY in Timeless Voices (SE p.)	Additional Supporting Primary and Secondary Sources (to be provided)
<i>Dragon Dragon</i> ** (TE 206, SE 434) <i>King of Mazy May</i> ** (TE 305, SE 50) <i>Meet Jack London</i> * (TE 303) <i>Race to the End of the Earth</i> ** (TE 335) (SE 799) Poems: “ <i>Life doesn’t Frighten Me</i> ” by M. Angelou** (TE 574, SE 304) “ <i>I’ll Stay</i> ” by Gwendolyn Brooks (SE 247)	Nonfiction: “ <i>Asiana Flight 214: Flight Attendants Are Unsung Heroes in the San Francisco Crash</i> ” by Lisa Wade, PhD
Instructional Strategies	Formative Assessments/Activities (support materials provided)
Close Reading: (see teacher resource packet) Poetic devices/SOAPSTONE analysis (see teacher resource packet) Informational Writing: Graphic organizers/frames for citing evidence (use Common Core Companion SE pages)	Answer text-dependent questions to draw evidence from literary or informational texts to support analysis and reflection of selected readings Speaking/Listening: Students role play an interview between Walt and a reporter for Klondike News (optional)
Common Core ELA Focus Standards for 1st Semester Module and Assessment:	
<i>Reading Standards for Literature and Information Text</i> R.6.1: Cite textual evidence to support analysis... R.6.2: Determine a theme or central idea of a text... <i>Writing Standards</i> W.6.9 a-b: Draw evidence from literary or informational texts... <i>Speaking and Listening Standards</i> SL.6.1a-d: Engage effectively in a range of collaborative discussions... <i>Language Standards</i> L.6.4. a-d: Determine or clarify the meaning of unknown and multiple-meaning words and phrases...	